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Dear Sir:

According to a Communication mailed on May 5, 1999 (Paper No. 18), the *ex parte* prosecution of the above-identified patent application has been suspended indefinitely due to a potential interference.

Please inform us as to the status of this application.

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